

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 3

DEEWR Question No. EW724_09

Senator Wortley asked on 5 June, EEWR Hansard page 62.

Question

Cost of undergraduate degrees

What was that degree (that cost around \$300,000), just out of interest?

Answer

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Higher education providers are required to provide only indicative fees for the first year of courses which will be offered in the following year and the duration of each course for inclusion on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' *Going to Uni* website. Courses listed on the website do not necessarily have enrolments in a particular year.

As indicated at the hearing, the figures provided were indicative ones arrived at by multiplying indicative first year fees by course durations using the data provided for the website.

The highest figure arrived at using this approach (of \$304,000) was for a combined Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Laws degree.

Actual course fees may reflect different course structures over the duration of the course. As noted above, this figure does not necessarily reflect the actual fees for a particular degree.